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TAGS: CASC (CAMPBELL, ROBER)

SUBJECT: W/W MISSING AMCIT ROBERT CAMPBELL

REF: (A) STATE 169607 (NOTAL; (B) MANAGUA 3471 (NOTAL; (C) MANAGUA
3334 (NOTAL

1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS POSED A SERIES OF FOLLOW-ON QUESTIONS IN
CAMPBELL CASE, SOME OF WHICH CAN BEST BE ANSWERED BY RCC AND USAFSO.
FOR THAT REASON WE ARE REPEATING STATE'S MESSAGE IN FULL, WITH
REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE SOUTHERN COMMAND ELEMENT COORDINATE REPLY
DIRECTLY TO SECSTATE, WASH DC, WITH INFO COPIES TO OTHER INTERESTED
USG ELEMENTS.

QUOTE:

2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EXTENSIVE AIR FORCE SAR EFFORTS AND
EMBASSY'S PROMPT EFFORTS RE INITIATION OF SEARCH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
AIR FORCE EFFORTS TERMINATED ON 19TH. AT THIS STAGE A BRIEF STATUS

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REPORT GIVING EXTEND OF SEARCH, CONTINUING EFFORTS, AND EMBASSY
RECOMMENDATIONS RE OTHER PRACTICAL EFFORTS WOULD BE USEFUL IN
REPLYING TO FAMILY AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE.

3. MR. WITTE HAS INQUIRED CONCERNING EFFORTS TO SEARCH IN AREAS
INCLUDED IN A "DRIFT PATTERN" DEVELOPED BY THE AIR FORCE IN THE
EVENT CAMPBELL'S BOAT WAS DAMAGED BUT STILL AFLOAT. HAS THIS AREA

BEEN SEARCH? IF NOT WHAT ARE RECOMMENDATIONS?

4. WHAT IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOAT WAS PIRATED AND THE CREW DISPOSED OF? HAS THIS POSSIBILITY BEEN PURSUED?

5. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION RE HOW NOK WAS NOTIFIED.

6. ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THIS INCIDENT AND INQUIRE IF 20-FOOT FIBERGLASSED DOUBLE HULLED BOAT WITH TWO OUTBOARDS CONTAINING AMCIT AND TWO OTHERS, OR WRECKAGE AND REMAINS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THEIR JURISDICTION. REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THESE APPROACHES ARE REQUESTED. END QUOTE.

7. EMBASSY MANAGUA IS PREPARING STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND CONTINUING ACTIONS IN NICARAGUA AS WELL AS FINAL ITEM IN FIRST PARA OF STATE REQUEST. WE WILL AGAIN RESPOND ON NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFICATION AND HOST GOVERNMENT CONTACTS IN NICARAGUA.

8. WITH REFERENCE TO PIRACY POSSIBILITY, THIS EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH CASES IN RECENT YEARS. IF ANY SOUTHCOM ELEMENT (OR OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN EMBASSY ADDRESSES) CAN COMMENT TO ENLIGHTEN, IT SHOULD DO SO.

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